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SCHOOL COLORS.

Purple and Gold, the royal colors, have been selected by the Sisters of St. Joseph for the school colors of all the colleges belonging to the Congregation.

Central Province: St. Louis-
FONTBONNE COLLEGE
COLLEGE OF ST. TERESA

Northern Province: St. Paul,
Minn.
COLLEGE OF ST. CATHERINE

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YOUR
COLLEGE

A Guide Edited by the Student Association
of the
COLLEGE OF ST. TERESA

Foreword

St. Teresa girls, this is your campus guide. It is our way of saying . . . "Welcome to the College of St. Teresa." Within these pages is a glimpse of everything that college life should mean to you—its ideals, organizations, and traditions.

This book is dedicated to you . . . and set before you not as a list of rules but as a few "signposts" erected to point your way through your college days.

Ideals and Aims of the College of St. Teresa

Incorporated as a College of liberal arts, the College of St. Teresa aims to offer to women opportunities to achieve for themselves an education distinguished by high standards of scholarship.

The general objectives of the College are :

To afford an opportunity for the students to meet and to become acquainted with the best in the fine arts.

To develop to the utmost the creative abilities and research capacities of each student.

To prepare students for leadership and for group responsibilities.

To aid students to achievement in the artistic and scientific fields, so that, armed with a complete, firm, and impregnable intellectual acumen, they may be prepared to take their place among the foremost exponents of intellectual leaders.

To form purposeful young women prepared to meet whatever responsibilities life may bring with resourcefulness and courage.

In a word, to perfect students according to the pattern of Christ Himself, by religious training, ideals, and environment at the College of St. Teresa.

History of the College of St. Teresa

The College of St. Teresa, chartered in 1940 as an educational institution distinct from St. Teresa's Academy, is the direct development of an elementary school established in 1854 by the Reverend Bernard Donnelly, third resident pastor of Kansas City.

In response to an appeal by Father Donnelly, five Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis, with Mother Francis Joseph Ivory as superior, came on August 23, 1866, to what was then known as Westport Landing, to open a convent school for the education of young ladies and to take charge of the parish school. Classwork began September 10, 1866, under the patronage of St. Joseph. In 1867 the school was incorporated as St. Teresa's Academy.

Five additions were made to the original building, which was located in what is now the vicinity of Twelfth and Washington Streets, a district known in pioneer days as "Quality Hill". But by 1908 the classic St. Teresa's on Quality Hill was completely surrounded by a rapidly developing business district. With keen perception and extraordinary courage, Mother Evelyn O'Neill, superior at that time, secured twenty acres in Kansas City's restricted Country Club district as a site for a new St. Teresa's. As the section resembled a windy moor, Mother Evelyn appropriately named the new location "Windmoor".

A new charter granted by the Legislature of the State of Missouri, in 1908, empowered the college "to confer any degree conferred in this United States." Classes were organized at the new St. Teresa's, September 10, 1910. Advanced work commenced at the old and continued at the new building was organized in 1915 as junior college work. The junior college was fully accredited by the University of Missouri, March 9, 1921, and was admitted to membership in the American Association of Junior Colleges in the same year.

St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing was affiliated with St. Teresa's in 1930.

On February 27, 1934, the Music Department was fully accredited by the University of Missouri, and May 10, 1936 by the DePaul University School of Music, Chicago.

To provide a Catholic higher education for students in the Middle West and South, the College of St. Teresa was organized as a standard four-year college. On September 10, 1940, the institution began its seventy-fifth year as a center of intellectual life and culture, guided by Catholic principles of philosophy and enriched by Catholic religious training and experiences. The College of St. Teresa is the only Catholic College for women in the diocese of Kansas City. This college was admitted as a charter member to the Central Association of Colleges, May 16, 1942.



Why St. Teresa?

Artistically designed and full of meaning is the seal of your college. The open book represents Saint Teresa of Avila, patron of the college. The book is inscribed with the motto of the school,—Deo Adjuvante Non Timendum—"with God helping us, we need not fear." Carved above the book is the flower of Saint Joseph, the lily. Because the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet are consecrated to the Most Holy Trinity and are placed under the protection of the Holy Family, a triangle, symbolic of the Holy Trinity, and a trefoil, symbolic of the Holy Family, are drawn about the book. The seal was designed by Miss Mary Elizabeth Finney, a St. Teresa Alumna.

College Hymn

Dear St. Teresa, mystic doctor,
Radiant now in heav'nly light :
Hover o'er St. Teresa's College
Make it flourish with God's might.
Show us the nobler part,
Teach us your mystic art,
Keep us, dear Patroness,
Pure of heart.

When our college days are over
And we finally reach our goal,
May we find our names, St. Teresa
Then inscribed on heaven's scroll.
Guide us and guard our way
From dawn 'til close of day,
Dear blessed Patroness,
This, we pray.

Traditions of the College of St. Teresa

Traditions play an important and significant part in the daily life of every St. Teresa girl. She learns to love them and to cherish them. They become treasured memories long after the last days at college are over.

COLORS—St. Teresa College colors are purple and gold.

MASS OF THE HOLY GHOST—marks the official opening of the school year.

CAP AND GOWN CEREMONY—is a stately occasion on which the Freshmen are formally given their cap and gown. The academic robe is solemnly blessed. This ceremony takes place in the chapel.

COLLEGE DAY—October 15th, feast of St. Teresa, patron of our College and a special patron of the community of the Sisters of St. Joseph, is "College Day".

SODALITY RECEPTION—is the day on which the students offer themselves to Our Lady and are received into her Sodality for the four years of their college life.

RETREAT—The three day retreat begins after the semester examinations and are completed in January. It provides a fitting preparation for the coming year.

FACULTY TEA—This is a formal tea given by the Faculty to the entire student body. It is held in the Georgian Lounge in Donnelly Hall.

MUSIC RECITALS—Every Spring the Music Department sponsors recitals in which the students of the Department participate. The recitals include piano, violin, organ, and voice.

DRAMATIC ART PRODUCTION—The College gives a play every Spring. The cast is chosen from the entire student body.

FACULTY BREAKFAST—During Baccalaureate Week after Holy Mass the faculty entertains the seniors at an annual breakfast.

PLAY DAY—Each Spring the Athletic Department has a Field Day in which members of the Freshmen and Sophomore gym classes participate in sports events such as, highjump, 100 yard dash, broad jump, volley ball, archery, badminton, et cetera.

RECOLLECTION DAY—the purpose of the day is to provide a time during which students and members of the alumnae may in the quiet of the chapel look backward and forward on their daily lives.

HOMECOMING—Every year the alumnae return to St. Teresa for a reunion. This event is usually held in May.

MAY DAY—The Sodalists of the College participate in the May Day ceremonies. A procession around the campus is followed by an outdoor crowning of the

May Queen. In the chapel before a beautiful setting of ferns and candles, the Queen crowns a statue of the Blessed Virgin. Solemn Benediction closes the ceremony. Those who have been May Queens since the opening of the senior college, are:

Mary Katherine Olson

Kathleen O'Connor

PROM—This event takes place in the scholastic year usually during April or May and is held in the Assembly Room of Donnelly Hall. It is a formal affair and the last dance of the year.

SENIOR PRIVILEGE—Before graduation the senior class takes a leave of absence without permission. The program of the day's activities is at the pleasure of the class.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY—With the planting of the tree by the president of the senior class, Commencement Week is officially ushered in. Then follow the adding of the link to the chain on the historic spade which was used in breaking ground for all the buildings on the campus, the transferring of the banner from the retiring president of the Student Association to the newly elected officer, and the singing of the college hymn. The Auditorium of the Music and Arts Building is the scene of a custom dating back to medieval times, that of conferring, on candidates for degrees, academic hoods which are lined with purple and gold, our school colors. Alumnae members assist the presiding Clergymen in placing the hoods on shoulders of the candidates.

COMMENCEMENT—The exercises take place in the Auditorium of the Music and Arts Building. His Excellency, the Bishop of Kansas City, confers the degrees and honors, on the candidates for graduation.

Confused?

IF YOU WANT

GO

To register any legitimate complaint

To the Dean's office.

To register your courses

To the Registrar's office.

To take excess credits or fewer than the minimum

To the Dean's office.

To read or take out books

To the Keyes Memorial Library.

To chin and chat

To the Georgian Lounge.

To rent a locker or to buy books and supplies

To the Bookstore.

To make financial arrangements

To the Bursar's office, Donnelly Hall 103.

A snack

To the Cafeteria.

To bowl—or for a game of badminton, volley ball, etc.

To the Bowling Alley, Gymnasium.

To inquire about lost or found articles

To the Registrar's office.

To use the telephone

To the first floor—Donnelly Hall.

To take a walk

Any place on your campus.

To have a good time

To any St. Teresa's social event.

The latest news

To the bulletin boards—ground and first floors.

To think and pray

To the Oratory.

Campus Courtesies

You keep to the right, especially on the stairways. Visiting on the stairways usually blocks the passage-way. Visit in the Lounge.

You always show respect and consideration for members of the faculty—whether they are your favorites or not. You may not know them, but—

- a. You stand aside for them.
- b. You open doors for them.
- c. You arise when they enter the room.
- d. You keep your appointments with them punctually.

You pay the same marks of respect to all older people and superiors.

As a form of address, "O.K." is not an accepted substitute for the traditional "Yes, Sister".

Neither is "Hello" or "Hi" an accepted substitute for "Good morning, Sister" or "Good afternoon, Father". And by the way you should greet all faculty members whenever you meet them—even if you think they don't know you, or what is worse, if they have just administered to you an ugly test. A cheery greeting and they will remember you next time.

If the Dean's office door is closed, it usually means that she is out or busy. If you wish admittance, knock—but do not walk in unless you are admitted.

Her office is located on the first floor Donnelly Hall 102.

In the matter of dress, sweaters, skirts and anklets seem to be the accepted campus casuals. By "casual" we don't mean "sloppy".

Student Life

All St. Teresa girls are members of the STUDENT ASSOCIATION whose purpose is training in self-government. Though we, in our student government, are only a tiny part of a gigantic organism, we in our own way are carrying out the ideals set forth by the pioneers of our country—ideals of life, liberty, and the right of every man to seek happiness in his own way. We are planting the seed of a Christian democracy.

The world today needs Catholic leaders. As a member of THE SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN you are given an opportunity to practice Catholic Action "for our flag, for our faith, for Christ the King" under the guidance of Mary.

Do you feel a certain glow when you have helped someone? If so, you will want to join THE CATHOLIC STUDENTS' MISSION CRUSADE and aid the missionaries at home and abroad by prayer and sacrifice.

If you plan to lead an active life as a woman of affairs, get experience now by joining the INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB.

Have you a flair for writing? Is it your secret ambition to be another Elizabeth Jordan? Here is the chance you have been waiting for—lend your talents to THE TERESIAN, student publication.

Music lovers will delight in being a member of the CAECILIAN CHORAL CLUB and the ORCHESTRA. These musical organizations are affiliated with the National Federation of Music Clubs. The glee club gives a Christmas pageant, recitals, and appears on the radio.

Do you feel the urge to act, to produce, to direct? Why not join the Little Theatre Movement. Some of

the best memories and experiences of college life will be associated with the DRAMATIC CLUB.

Membership in WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES is a climax of a student's career, summing up all other honors that she has attained. Requisites for membership are: character, scholarship, leadership, and potentiality for future usefulness to business and society. Juniors and Seniors are eligible and are chosen by a committee composed of faculty members and representative students.

One of the greatest achievements at the end of your college life is membership in KAPPA GAMMA PI. This is a national honor society for alumnae of Catholic women's colleges established in 1927 by Reverend Francis V. Corcoran, C.M. Its purpose is to develop among its members a high standard of character, scholarship, and service; more specifically, it should stimulate Catholic alumnae to leadership in worthy organizations. Recommendations for election to the society are made by the college faculty on the basis of character, scholarship, and leadership. Membership is limited to ten per cent of each graduating class, the attainment of scholastic honors being prerequisite. The College of St. Teresa became affiliated with Kappa Gamma Pi in 1943.

The College of St. Teresa has presented the following candidates for membership in Kappa Gamma Pi.

Class of 1943
Helen Margaret Dwyer

Suggestions

Know your college and be true to it.

Abide by the college rules willingly. Playing a game according to the rules shows good sportsmanship and prevents discord.

Don't be absent from classes without getting an excuse from the Dean.

Begin your college year successfully by having your daily lessons, and if possible, keep ahead in them. Result—you won't have to cram or burn the midnight oil.

You are expected to attend every college class for which you have registered. All absences must be explained in written form to the Dean before you are readmitted to class. The written explanation of your absence must be signed by one of your parents, must be submitted to the Dean for her signature, and then presented to your instructor. This written explanation does not excuse you from the responsibility of making up work you have missed. Arrange that with your instructor.

Bells for classes ring at ten minutes to the hour. Classes start promptly on the hour. You are wise if you are not late. However, if your teacher is late you may wait twenty minutes and then leave. It is the custom never to leave the class of the head of a department or of an Administrator.

If you are absent from classes before or after a holiday you are penalized with two absences for each class missed when you return. Think twice before you cut classes.

Every student is assigned a seat in the Assembly Hall early in the year, and is expected to be there every Wednesday at eleven for Assembly.

Programs begin promptly. If you absent yourself from Assembly you lose an honor point. It is much more profitable to go to Assembly.

You rise when a speaker comes on the stage, and remain standing until someone gives the signal to be seated.

You give every assembly speaker, and every class room instructor, the courtesy of attention. You do not talk, apply cosmetics, nor arrange your hair during the hour. You keep your hands away from your face and hair. Even if the lectures is occasionally a bore, you don't want to be a boor.

No class meetings may be used for the purpose of soliciting funds, selling tickets, or making announcements concerning extra-curricular affairs without permission of the Dean.

The Library is open from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Library is for quiet reading and study. You talk over last night's formal in your room or in the Lounge.

Regulations On and Off the Campus

Certain minimum essentials in house rules are required of resident students.

When leaving the campus, students must register out.

For the maintenance of proper conditions for study and teaching, special quiet is to be observed in all the buildings during the hours:

8:20 a.m. to 12 m.

1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

10:15 p.m. to morning.

Students must be in their rooms at the beginning of the Study Hour, 7:45 p.m.

Talking so as to disturb others, and visiting rooms after 8 p.m. (with the exception of Friday and Saturday nights) is not permitted.

Lights must be out at 10:15 p.m. Sleep is necessary for the proper health and strength of the students. Attention to this regulation is a courtesy shown to the other resident students.

A dignified and quiet order should prevail at all times.

Baths are not to be taken after 9:30 p.m. This applies to any other toilet preparation before retiring.

After evening entertainments lasting later than 10:15 p.m., a period of twenty minutes from the close of the entertainment will be allowed for preparing to retire, after which lights will be extinguished, and quiet prevail.

Unless necessity demands it, students will not be called to the telephone during class hours, meals or after 8 p.m. On Friday and Saturday evenings, telephone calls may be received later.

Three offenses against the above regulations constitute a week-end campus. (From Friday after classes until Monday morning.)

Damage to college property will be repaired at the expense of the student who is at fault. No tacks may be put into the walls; no pictures pasted on the walls.

Rooms must be ready for inspection at 9:00 a.m. every day; on Saturday at 10 a.m. Repeated violations of this rule will subject the offender to a week-end campus.

Students are required to be present at meals with the exception of Saturday morning; all other absences must be explained to the presiding Sister and permission be obtained beforehand. Girls who are ill and

must remain in their rooms are to report to the Sister in charge of the floor, or to the Dean, so that they may receive prompt attention.

Absences and Leaves

Application for out-of-town absence slips may be provided for by application to the Dean. Permits must be turned over to the Sister on the Residence Floor. It is the duty of these Sisters to see that the regulations mentioned on the permit are kept.

No student will be permitted to visit friends or relatives over night unless the Dean has a written permission from the parents of the student.

Special permission of parents must be obtained for out-of-town trips.

Juniors and seniors may leave the campus during the day if their absence is no longer than one hour. Freshmen and sophomores must get permission to leave the campus at all times. All students must register out.

Room Equipment

Each room in the Residence Hall is furnished with one single bed, one writing desk, a dresser, and a closet. Following are two lists; the first contains essential things; the second list is made up of suggestions, which may be brought if desired, and which many girls find useful:

Essential Equipment

Blankets and bed spreads
Dresser scarfs
Sheets
Pillow cases
Towels and wash cloths
Window curtains
Six napkins (inexpensive)
Hangers
Small rug.

Recommendations

Alarm clock
Book ends
Comforters
Extension cords
Hatbox
Light plugs
Shoe racks
Laundry bag

Constitution and By-Laws of the Student Association

Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be "The Student Association of the College of Saint Teresa."

Article II—Purpose

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote loyalty, cooperation, and self-government, and to control federated college activities.

Article III—Membership

Section 1. Honorary membership shall include: Reverend Mother of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Mother Provincial of the Saint Louis Province, The President of the College of Saint Teresa, the Dean of the College.

Section 2. Associate membership shall include: The Administration and members of the faculty.

Section 3. Active membership shall include: all students of The College of St. Teresa.

Section 4. Only active members shall be present at general meetings of the Association and enjoy the right to vote.

Article IV—Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be: a president, a vice-president, a recording secretary, a treasurer, and a moderator, who shall be the Dean of the College.

Section 2. Election.

a. The election of officers shall take place in the spring.

b. The President of the College Association shall be elected as follows: She shall be a member of the incoming senior class. Nominations shall be made

by secret ballot at the spring meeting of the Association. The names of the three candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be posted. The election shall be held one week after the posting of the names of the nominees.

- c. The election of vice-president, secretary and treasurer of the Association shall be held immediately after the election of the president. Those eligible for these offices are members of the incoming Senior, Junior, and Sophomore classes. Nominations and ballot casting shall proceed in the usual manner as in the election of the president.

Section 3. Duties

- a. The president shall: preside over all meetings of the College Association and the Executive Council and exercise all powers and authorities usually pertaining to the presiding officer; appoint all temporary committees; have the power to call special meetings.
- b. The vice-president shall: assume the duties of the president in the absence of, or at the request of the president: and be chairman of the Committee on activities.
- c. The recording secretary shall: keep a roll call of the meetings of the Association and of the Executive Council and a record of the proceedings of those bodies; post all notices for all meetings; keep a record of the membership of all committees and notify members of their appointments on committees.
- d. The treasurer shall be responsible for all funds of the organization and shall make a financial report to the Dean on all activities sponsored by the Association.

Article V—Executive Council

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Council consisting of the officers of the College Association and a representative from each class. The Moderator of the Association shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Council.

Section 2. The president of the College Association shall be chairman of the Executive Council and shall preside over its meetings.

Article VI—Committees

There shall be the following permanent committees: The Committee on Activities, the Publications Committee, and the Committee on Student Welfare.

Article VII—Meetings

The time and place of meetings of the College Association, the Executive Council, and the Permanent Committees shall be determined by the Executive Council.

BY-LAWS

Article I—Meetings

Section 1. The Association shall meet in general assembly when called by the Executive Council.

Section 2. The Student Council shall meet immediately before the Student Association meeting and on the call of the president.

Section 3. In the case of an emergency, a notice of a meeting of the Association and the Council shall be posted on the bulletin board.

Section 4. One-third of the members of the Association shall be a quorum.

Section 5. Two-thirds of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

Article II—Autonomy

The Constitution and By-Laws shall not interfere with the self-government of the departments affiliated.

Article III—Amendments

The By-Laws and Constitution may be amended at any general meeting of the Association and by a two-third vote of the members present, provided that notice has been given at the previous meeting, and a copy of the proposed amendments attached to the college bulletin board two days prior to the meeting.

